poses and for prevention of commercial dealings in human organs and other related issues, Govt. introduced the Transplantation of Human Organs Bill 1993, which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha and is pending consideration in the Lok Sabha.

Proposal for setting up of an Ayurvedic University in Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh

5647. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government had sent a proposal for setting up of an Ayurvedic University in Nandyal;

(b) if so, what is the present status of this proposal; and

(c) the reasons for delay for giving sanction to this proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Govt. has been advised to prepare a revised project proposal pursuant to discussions on the subject.

(c) Does not arise.

New technique for diagnosis of Heart Patients

5648. SHRI S. S. AHULWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a Charitable Heart Care Foundation of India have evolved a simple six minute walking test to determine whether a patient with congestive heart failure needs hospitalisation or is at risk of dying thus doing away with expensive treadmills and monitors;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to popularise the test in such areas of the country where doctors do not have access to sophisticated machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Treatment of Patients Suffering from Cataract

5649. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cataract or "Safed Motia" in local parlance is the single largest cause of blindness in the country including Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(d) if so, what are the details of the findings of the survey ; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to prevent the disease of cataract and to cure the patients suffering from this disease in the country specially in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) Yes. Sir. According to a Survey 80.10% of blindness is caused by Cataract or Safed Motia;

(e) There is no proven method of promoting Cataract. The surgical facilities for cataract operations are being provided to the needy people in the country including the state of Bihar.